

a movable louver which covers the at least one shift gate, said louver having at least one opening for the passage of the selector lever, said louver being an endless band forming a closed loop;

a louver guide for guiding the movable louver.

19. A slot cover in accordance with claim 18, wherein said louver guide has at least one deflecting element.

20. A slot cover in accordance with claim 19, wherein said at least one said deflecting element has a curved deflecting surface.

21. A slot cover in accordance with claim 20, wherein said at least one said deflecting element is one of a pulley having a deflecting axis or a deflecting shaft.

22. A slot cover in accordance with claim 20, wherein the deflecting element is a continuous rotating deflecting roller which has a gear at its edge.

23. A slot cover in accordance with claim 20, wherein said deflecting element comprises two coaxially mounted deflecting rollers which are separated from one another and have elevated edge beads.

24. A slot cover in accordance with claim 20, wherein said deflecting element is arranged within said louver closed loop.

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25. A slot cover in accordance with claim 20, said deflecting element is arranged outside said louver loop.

26. A slot cover in accordance with claim 20, wherein said louver guide includes a support structure, said deflecting element being mounted elastically to said support structure.

27. A slot cover in accordance with claim 18, wherein said louver comprises an elastic louver portion having elastic properties, at least in the circumferential direction of the closed loop, said elastic louver portion being provided over at least a part of a length of said louver.

28. A slot cover in accordance with claim 18, wherein said louver comprises a plurality of parts.

29. A slot cover in accordance with claim 18, wherein said louver guide includes a support structure with slide rails arranged laterally and engaged by said louver for guiding said louver.

30. A slot cover in accordance with claim 18, wherein said louver has two openings,

31. A slot cover in accordance with claim 18, further comprising:
a cover plate with the shift gate provided for the selector lever.

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signal transmitters;

signal receivers, signals of said signal transmitters being detected by signal receivers arranged at spaced locations from them, arranged on the deflecting elements for detecting the shift positions of the selector lever.

33. A slot cover in accordance with claim 32, wherein signal transmitters include permanent magnets and said signal receivers are hall sensors, shift positions being detected by means of said Hall sensors and permanent magnets associated with them, wherein a pair of measured values is correspondingly assigned to each shift position.

34. A slot cover in accordance with claims 18, further comprising a cover plate, said louver guide being moveable in relation to said cover plate at right angles to the direction of movement of the louver.